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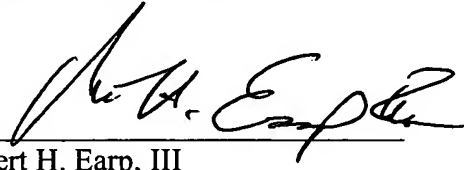
In the Office Action dated February 28, 2006, pending claims 1-9, 17-19, 22-25, 34 and 35 are reviewed. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 17-19, 22, 23, 34 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,908,098 to Milazzo ("Milazzo").

Pending claims 3-7, 24 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the indication that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have incorporated the limitation of Claim 3 and all intervening claims into independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 1 is in allowable form. Notice to that effect is requested.

As claims 4-9, 17-19, 22-25 and 34-36 depend, directly or indirectly from claim 1, and add additional limitations thereto, the amendment above applies equally thereto. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections of these claims and an indication that these claims are allowable over Milazzo.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, respectfully requests the allowance thereof. Should the Examiner have any questions pertaining the to above, undersigned Counsel would welcome a phone call to provide any further clarification.

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